



Los Angeles County
Children's Planning Council
Improving Children's Lives

January 20, 2006

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVE THE ATTACHED AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE CHILDREN'S
PLANNING COUNCIL FOUNDATION, INC. FOR PURPOSES OF
DEVELOPING A COMMUNITY BUILDING INSTITUTE AND
EXTENDING THE EITC CAMPAIGN
(3 VOTES – ALL DISTRICTS)**

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT OUR BOARD:

Approve and instruct the Mayor to sign the attached Amendment Number Two (Attachment A) to Agreement Number 74628, modifying the Scope of Work and County Contribution terms for purposes of 1) developing and providing oversight and management of the CPC Community Building Institute and funding \$553,750 per year for two years (FY 05-06 and FY 06-07); and 2) extending the EITC Campaign for a second year.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Children's Planning Council was established by the Board in 1991 as a public/private body to formulate the vision and goals to improve the well-being for Los Angeles County children and their families.

In August 1996, the Council formed The Children's Planning Council Foundation, Inc., to serve as its fiscal arm – to raise, receive, and disburse monies for the support of the work of the Children's Planning Council.

In December 1997, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved the creation of eight Service Planning Areas (SPA) Councils and one American Indian Children's (AIC) Council to serve as a bridge between county government and community. This bridge was intended to help

improve outcomes for children and families through collaborative planning efforts between County, community based organizations and community leaders; and by having the system of councils develop priorities and recommendations for a more effective health and human service delivery system within the communities for use by the County, other public agencies and service providers.

As a result of having a system of councils that link to the County and its health and human service agencies, the following has been achieved:

- Broad community input for the development of the Long Term Family Self Sufficiency plan
- Input and direction on Partnering Principles & Customer Service & Satisfaction elements of the Service Integration Action Plan.
- Extensive community input into the CalWORKs budget prioritization process (over 9000 survey responses in 8 languages from families on CalWORKs)
- Vast input from parents with young children on Universal Preschool (3,000 surveys in 8 languages). Survey helped to determine what parents care about in developing a system for their young children.
- Extensive community outreach on the County's five outcomes of child well-being and on school readiness and school success, including: transportation and youth summits in SPA 1/Antelope Valley; health summits and parent education seminars in SPA 3/San Gabriel/Pomona Valleys; education fairs in SPA 5/West and SPA 7/South East; kinship care in SPA 6/South; and 8 conferences in SPA 8/South Bay.
- Increased community outreach and engagement by the Department of Parks and Recreation and Department of Children and Family Services (SPA 8).
- Countywide community engagement and organizing effort through 73 community forums between May 2005 and November 2005 (3,000 participants). Forums were conducted in partnership with the CAO (Service Integration Branch) and the Interagency Operations Group to achieve the following goals: 1) facilitate the alignment of Goal 5, Strategy 6 of the County's Strategic Plan and budget-setting process; 2) create a space for parents, residents, and youth to share their concerns and aspirations for all children and develop relationships with one another to work together in their communities; and 3) strengthen the skills and infrastructure of the SPA/AIC Councils required to support ongoing and robust community building efforts.

Over the last five years, the Councils have incrementally expanded their scope to include community building and advocacy on behalf of kids and families. Specifically, the Councils have worked to engage parents, residents, and youth in neighborhoods within each SPA and have created opportunities for community members to develop relationships with each other to resolve issues that they care about in their communities. The Councils provide resources to facilitate community initiated efforts and offer technical support to help participants carry out their community projects. In addition, the Councils work through CPC to connect the issues and concerns identified in communities to systems change efforts across the health and human services agencies of the County and other jurisdictions such as cities and schools. This expanded scope requires that the Councils be much more structured, more intentional, and more strategic.

As such, over the last 18 months, the system of Councils has steadily increased the number of residents involved in the work of the Councils through the formation of parent councils, neighborhood councils, and youth councils. Each of these bodies has identified a clear plan intended to improve one or more of the five outcomes of child and family well-being.

As described above, the system of SPA/AIC Councils has evolved from their nascent formation as networking bodies, to community building structures capable of engaging thousands of parents and youth interested in improving their communities and becoming engaged in civic life. More specifically, however, the vision of creating a system of councils that would serve as a bridge between county government and community has now come to fruition. This strengthened partnership with the County has resulted in the movement toward collaborative planning and shared priority setting driven by community-based input and recommendations intended to improve health and human service delivery and, more importantly, designed to strengthen the capacity of communities to act on their own behalf – a key theory of change for the Children's Planning Council.

Moreover, with the success of the community forums, County department representatives assigned to the Councils have become increasingly invested and motivated to support the community building efforts of the SPA/AIC Councils. Indeed, they are key stakeholders and partners in this mission.

As the work of the Councils has deepened and grown, we have experienced the need to build greater leadership and organizational capacity at the SPA Council level, the community level, and at the County level. All have requested training and skills development on community building strategies skills so they can work more strategically to improve community conditions and sustain the momentum sparked by this growing County-community partnership. The County's resources will provide the seed money to create a Community Building Institute that will focus on the following goals: 1) increase community building and organizing skills of the SPA/AIC council members and staff and key institutional partners; 2) develop/enhance community building, organizing, and advocacy skills among parents, residents, and youth; and 3) strengthen the relationships between community groups and the health and human service agencies – and other County agencies that impact community life – in an effort to better partner together to improve conditions for children and families.

The Community Building Institute will develop training materials, leadership program curricula, and offer ongoing training and technical assistance throughout the County. In addition, the Children's Planning Council will engage in *Performance Counts!* to track our performance measures and our overall success (Attachment B). Additional funds for the Institute will be sought from private sector foundations.

In addition, as approved by the Board on September 13, 2005, the EITC Campaign will continue for a second year. Funds for this Campaign have been approved, and the agreement is now being amended to reflect that approval.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The Children's Planning Council's work served as the impetus for Goal 5 of the County's Strategic Plan—Children and Families' Well-Being—and the Council continues to serve as a partner with the CAO Service Integration Branch in the implementation of Goal 5. The Council is a lead partner on various elements of the Service Integration Action Plan (SIAP) recommendations. The SIAP represents one of the key objectives of Goal 5, which helps move the County's service integration efforts forward.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The Community Building Institute allocation of \$553,750 per year for two years (FY 05-06 and FY 06-07) was approved in the County 05-06 budget approved by our Board.

The EITC Campaign allocation of \$250,000 for the period of October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2006 was approved by the Board on September 13, 2005.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS:

The County entered into Agreement Number 74628 with the Children's Planning Council Foundation, Inc. on October 7, 2003. The parties entered into Amendment Number One on November 17, 2004 for the purposes of implementing the EITC Campaign for the period October 1, 2004 to September 30, 2005.

This Amendment Number Two provides for the payment to the Foundation of \$1,107,500 in FY's 2005-07 to be used to provide support and in-depth training and technical assistance to the system of SPA/AIC Councils and our County partners through a Community Building Institute that will house this effort. This Amendment Number Two also provides for the continuation of the EITC Campaign, as previously approved by the Board on September 13, 2005. The Executive Office will administer and monitor the Agreement on the County's behalf. County Counsel has reviewed and approved as to form the attached amendment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES:

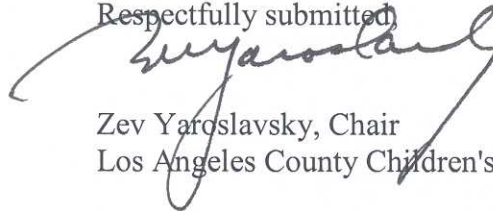
The funds provided through this Amendment will enable the Children's Planning Council to carry out the County's goal of improving child and family well-being through the alignment of community priorities with departmental priorities through increased community engagement and strengthening the capacity of communities to act on their own behalf. Moreover, as evidenced by the recent success of the partnership between the CAO/SIB and the Interagency Operations Group, particularly County Department representatives assigned to the councils, there is much interest and momentum in increasing the capacity of departmental staff in community building

efforts. The Children's Planning Council's goals around community building impact each of the five outcome areas. These outcomes guide our overall efforts to achieve the county's *Vision* for children:

"Los Angeles County children should reach adulthood having experienced a safe, healthy, and nurturing childhood which prepares them to become responsible and contributing members of the community."

This Amendment will not infringe on the role of the County in its relationship to its residents, and the County's ability to respond to emergencies will not be impaired. There is no risk exposure to the County.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zev Yaroslavsky', is written over the typed name and title.

Zev Yaroslavsky, Chair
Los Angeles County Children's Planning Council

cc: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Auditor-Controller
Service Integration Branch
Interagency Operations Group
Children's Planning Council Foundation, Inc.

AMENDMENT NUMBER TWO TO AGREEMENT NUMBER 74628
BETWEEN COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
AND THE CHILDREN'S PLANNING COUNCIL FOUNDATION, INC.

This Amendment Number Two to Agreement Number 74628 is made and entered into at Los Angeles, California this _____ day of _____, 2006, by and between the County of Los Angeles ("County") and The Children's Planning Council Foundation, Inc. ("Foundation").

WHEREAS, Agreement Number 74628 ("Agreement") was originally executed by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on October 7, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Amendment Number One to Agreement Number 74628 was executed on November 17, 2004; and

WHEREAS, this Amendment Number Two to Agreement Number 74628 is in accordance with Section 6 (Changes and Amendments) of the Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and mutual consent herein contained, said Agreement is amended as follows:

1. Section 1 is amended to add the following:

Section 1.15 Oversee and facilitate the County's effort to increase the number of families with children that file and claim the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), for the period October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2006.

Section 1.16 Develop a Community Building Institute (CBI) that will help enhance the work of the Service Planning Area/American Indian Children's (SPA/AIC) Councils in their efforts to strengthen the capacity of communities to act on their own behalf. The CBI will provide training and technical assistance to SPA/AIC Council staff, their volunteer members, and local community groups of parents, residents, and youth that will enhance their leadership capacity to effect local change that helps to improve the County's five outcomes of child well-being through June 30, 2007.

Section 1.17 Participate in *Performance Counts!* Specifically, it will identify, track, and report progress on the CBI performance measures to the CAO on an annual basis through June 30, 2007.

2. Section 3 is amended to add the following:

Section 3.1.2 County shall contribute \$250,000 for the period from October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006 for the EITC services described in section 1.15, above.

Section 3.1.3 County shall contribute \$553,750 per year for two years (FY 05-06 and FY 06-07) for the Community Building Institute described in section 1.16, above.

All other terms remain in full force and effect.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has caused this Amendment Number Two to Agreement Number 74628 to be subscribed by the Mayor, the seal for said Board to be hereto affixed and attested by the Executive Officer-Clerk thereof, and FOUNDATION has caused this Amendment Number Two to Agreement Number 74628 to be subscribed in its behalf by its duly authorized officer, on the day, month, and year first above written.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By _____
Mayor, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Violet Varona-Lukens
Executive Officer-Clerk of the
Board of Supervisors for the County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

THE CHILDREN'S PLANNING COUNCIL
FOUNDATION, INC.

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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